

Mr Charles Askin at Queenston.

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Endorsed: Amherstburgh 18th Aug^t 1807 Mr James Askin to Ch^s Askin.

FEAR OF WAR WITH UNITED STATES

Queenston Aug^t the 24th 1807

Dear Father, I duly received your kind favours of the 17th and 27th Ult^o which I beg you will excuse me for not answering sooner. The paper you required of Mr W^m Dickson I am told was sent to you some time since; He is now in Lower Canada but before he left this he wrote to you, he told me.

Mr Todd got down to Montreal in four days from this. since his arrival there, he has wrote to Mr Dickson. he appears to be very apprehensive of a War, as they seem all to be there. I have been favoured with a letter from him also, dated at Kingston in which he offers to do any thing he can to serve me.

Mr Ogelvie has appointed W^m & Mr Tho^s Clark his attorneys for the late Mr Robertson's bussiness. W^m was so pressed by him when he was down to give him some statement of the debts, lands &^{ca} that we made one out after his return here, from memory partly as W^m mentioned to him.

I thank you kindly for the company you have given me I believe it a pretty good one. I would like to have my Commission as Cap^t if you can conveniently send it; as it may be of use to me here, in case of the Militia being called out: which there is not the least appearance of yet. the people about this seem to be much easier about the War than at Detroit or in Lower Canada, either; although some small depredations have been committed between this and Niagara by some vagabonds not known, from the other side, who came over and killed a bull & some sheep at night, belonging to some farmers. Vessels from Oswego still come here, there is one now lyeing at the Wharf; they kept away a short time as the Cap^{ts} of them had been told they would be seized.